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Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An adhesive tape application tool for applying ~~a long an~~ adhesive tape to an adherend having ~~a long a side comprising an~~ application surface and a projected line portion formed on ~~the back of a side of the adherend opposite the side comprising~~ the application surface ~~in the longitudinal direction of the application surface~~, said adhesive tape application tool comprising an application part for pressing an adhesive tape against ~~an the~~ application surface and a guidance part comprising ~~three~~ first and second guide rollers, ~~having a tapered shape portion said first guide roller comprising a first end having a first diameter, a second end having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter and a tapered portion located between said first and second ends and said second guide roller comprising a first end having a first diameter, a second diameter smaller than said first diameter and a tapered portion located between said first and second diameters, and said tool being in~~ operatively adapted so that said first and second guide rollers contact with the projected line portion in such manner that said guide rollers pinch the adherend together with said application part, wherein said guidance part is provided with guide rollers having a tapered shape portion positioned at both ends being installed with their top directed in one direction, and the other guide roller having a tapered shape portion being installed with its top directed in the other direction.

2. (Currently amended) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein said ~~other second~~ guide roller ~~has a tapered shape portion installed swingably is~~ movable in a central axis direction.

3. (Currently amended) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein the adherend can be pinched with resilience by said application part and guidance part, and said tool further comprises ~~an opening and closing means for disengaging structure to~~ disengage said application part and guidance part from the adherend.

4. (Currently amended) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 2, wherein the adherend can be pinched with resilience by said application part and guidance part, and said tool further comprises ~~an opening and closing means for disengaging structure to~~ disengage said application part and guidance part from the adherend.

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5. (Currently amended) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein the adherend can be pinched with resilience by said application part and guidance part, and said application part and guidance part can be opened ~~and closed~~ so as to be disengaged from the adherend.

6. (Currently amended) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 2, wherein the adherend can be pinched with resilience by said application part and guidance part, and said application part and guidance part can be opened ~~and closed~~ so as to be disengaged from the adherend.

7. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein said second guide roller comprises a second end having said second diameter.

8. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 7, wherein said first guide roller is oriented such that its first end is located on a first side of the projected line portion and said second guide roller is oriented such that its first end is located on a second side of the projected line portion, the first side of the projected line portion being opposite to the second side of the projected line portion.

9. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 8, wherein said guidance part further comprises a third guide roller comprising a first end having a first diameter, a second end having a second diameter smaller than said first diameter and a tapered portion located between said first and second ends, said third guide roller is oriented such that its first end is located on the first side of the projected line portion.

10. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein said first roller further comprises a cylindrical portion located together with said tapered portion between said first and second ends.

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11. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1, wherein said tapered portion of said first roller comprises a frustoconical shape.

12. (New) A process for applying an adhesive tape to an adherend having a side comprising an application surface and a projected line portion formed on a side of the adherend opposite the side comprising the application surface, said process comprising:

clamping the adhesive tape application tool according to claim 1 to the adherend; and
applying the adhesive tape to the application surface of the adherend by moving the tool along the adherend, wherein the first guide roller is oriented such that its first end is located on a first side of the projected line portion and the second guide roller is oriented such that its first end is located on a second side of the projected line portion, the first side of the projected line portion being opposite to the second side of the projected line portion.

13. (New) The process according to claim 12, wherein the guidance part further comprises a third guide roller comprising a first end having a first diameter, a second end having a second diameter smaller than the first diameter and a tapered portion located between the first and second ends, the third guide roller being oriented with its first end located on the first side of the projected line portion.

14. (New) An adhesive tape application tool for applying an adhesive tape to an adherend having a side comprising an application surface and a projected line portion formed on a side of the adherend opposite the side comprising the application surface, said adhesive tape application tool comprising an application part for pressing an adhesive tape against the application surface and a guidance part comprising first and second elements adapted to contact the projected line portion of the adherend during at least a portion of movement of said tool along the adherend, said first and second elements having tapered portions oriented in opposing directions and contacting opposite sides of the projected line portion of the adherend.

15. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 14, wherein said tapered portion of said first element contacts only a first side of the projected line portion of the

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adherend and said tapered portion of said second element contacts only a second side of the projected line portion of the adherend.

16. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 15, wherein said guidance part further comprises a third element, said third element having a tapered portion being adapted to contact the first side of the projected line portion of the adherend during at least a portion of the movement of said tool along the adherend.

17. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 16, wherein each of said first, second and third elements comprises a roller.

18. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 17, wherein each said roller comprises a first end having a first diameter, a second end having a second diameter smaller than the first diameter and an intermediate portion located between said first and second ends defining said tapered portion.

19. (New) The adhesive tape application tool according to claim 18, wherein each said roller further comprises a cylindrical portion located together with said tapered portion between said first and second ends.